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IRGC Commander: War on Iran Triggers World War III

TEHRAN (FNA)- Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force General Amir Ali Hajizadeh warned the US and the Zionist regime that an attack on Iran will likely trigger World War III.



Speaking to the Arabic news network, Al-Alam on Sunday, General Hajizadeh said the US and the Israeli regime may not enter war with Iran "independent from each other, meaning that either one of these two starts the war, it will be joined by the other one".

"We see the US and the Zionist regime standing fully on the side of each other and we cannot imagine the Zionist regime initiating a war without the US backup. Due to the same reason, if a war breaks out, we will definitely wage battle on both sides and will definitely be engaged with the US bases," he said.

"In case such conditions arise, a series of incidents will take place which will not be controllable and manageable and such a war might turn into a third world war. That means, certain countries may enter the war for or against Iran," added the general.

The IRGC commander warned that in case such war is waged on Iran, the US bases in "those countries around us and inside the neighboring countries will be targeted and they will even be threatened by the nations of these very states".

Iranian military officials and commanders have in recent days have raised their tone to tune up to the Israeli regime's continued and growing threats against the Islamic Republic.

On Saturday, IRGC's top Commander Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari said an enemy invasion of Iran is possible, but such a war would put an end to the life of the Zionist regime of Israel.

"Owing to the (high) speed (of the growth and development) of the Islamic Revolution, this cancerous tumor, Israel, is challenging us to war, but it is not clear when this war would take place," Jafari said in Tehran on Saturday.

"War may break out, but if Zionists start something, that will be the point of their annihilation and the endpoint of their story," he added.

Jafari, meantime, underlined that "no one dares to wage an extensive ground assault on Iran".

The General said if the enemy were wise, there wouldn't be any problem, "but the problem is that there is no guarantee for this rationality and we should be prepared too.

Later yesterday, his deputy, Brigadier General Hossein Salami, cautioned that any possible attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Zionist regime would provide an opportunity for Tehran to wipe the regime off the earth.

"If the Zionists embark on attacking Iran, it will provide a historical opportunity for the Islamic Revolution to wipe them off the world's geographical history," Salami said on Saturday night on the state-run TV.

"We are now through with concerns about the Zionist regime's threats," he said, adding that Israel has bitter memories of its last-decade wars with the regional allies of the Islamic Republic, including Hezbollah and Hamas Movement.

"(Given the above-mentioned failures) how does it (the Zionist regime) want to be a threat against the Islamic Republic of Iran?" Salami asked.

He, meantime, underlined Iran's preparedness to confront any aggression against the country, and said, "Our defensive power has been created on the basis of our defensive strategy and the presumption ruling our defensive strategy is that we will enter an massive battle with a US-led coalition."

On Friday, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Seyed Hassan Firouzabadi also warned that Tehran would reciprocate any aggression against the country with an "immediate" and "non-stop" response, stressed.

"We do not feel threatened by the boastful remarks of Zionist leaders, because they are creatures with deep fright who continue crying out since they know that Iran's response to threats will be readymade, immediate and non-stop," Major General Firouzabadi told reporters on the sidelines of September 21 military parades marking the anniversary of the Week of Sacred Defense here in Tehran on Friday morning.

"The Zionist regime officials have declared in their (military) estimates that military operations against Iran neither can be done by Israel nor is useful for them," he added.

He also stated that Iran's armed forces today are unpredictable and their strategy and actions cannot be foreseen by the enemies.

The Sacred Defense Week, commemorating Iranians' sacrifices during the 8 years of Iraqi imposed war on Iran in 1980s, started on Friday with nationwide parades by various units of the Islamic Republic Army, Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and Basij (volunteer) forces in Southern Tehran.

